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History Social Studies Framework Committee
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Dear Framework Committee:

I strongly recommend revising the History/Social Studies Framework to include more information on the civic engagement of Latinos in California. More specifically, I suggest the inclusion of two individuals.

Reginaldo F. del Valle. He provided a linkage from the Mexican period to the modern era of the 1930s. The son of an early state assembly member, he went on to the assembly and the senate. He served as Senate Pro Tem in 1880s as well as lieutenant governor, and United States ambassador to Mexico.

Edward R. Roybal. He was elected in 1949 to serve as the first Latino on the Los Angeles City Council in the modern era. He served until 1962 when he was elected as the first Latino member of Congress from the state in the modern era. His story is a central part of my book, *The Search for a Civic Voice: California Latino Politics* (2007), which as been recognized by the Latino Legislative Caucus and the academic community.

Reginaldo F. del Valle and Edward R. Roybal deserved to be in our state history and social studies curriculum as they served important, early leaders. It is important that today's Latino student know that Latinos have been involved, in different way, since statehood in 1950.

Sincerely,

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